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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **SB 1 Provides Almost Half a Billion Dollars for New State Highway Maintenance Projects This Fiscal Year**

*“Fix-it-First” projects will restore and preserve the state’s existing infrastructure providing a safer and smoother commute for motorists*

**SACRAMENTO** — Caltrans will begin more than 120 new “Fix-it-First” projects this fiscal year (July 2018 - June 2019), replacing, repairing and improving more than 6,700 lane miles of pavement, 250 culverts and 320 bridges across the state, due to funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. These projects got the green light after the department received almost half a billion dollars of SB 1 funding for new state highway maintenance projects this fiscal year.

“Without the funds from SB 1, some of these projects would be postponed, costing taxpayers a lot more money down the road,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “It would be like putting Band-Aids on our roads and bridges instead of the long-term repair and repaving projects provided by SB 1.”

Caltrans is planning to use about \$400 million in SB 1 funds for new maintenance projects to replace, repair and improve the existing state highway, bridges and drainage systems. Work includes repairing the state highway by eliminating cracks and potholes on roadways; replacing pavement; performing preventative maintenance work to preserve bridges and roads; replacing and repairing culverts/drainage systems to prevent flooding on roadways; widen striping size from four to six inches on roads to increase safety and visibility for motorists. See the attached list for more details.

New SB 1 funded maintenance projects coming to your area include:

- **Pavement Project on State Route 178 in San Bernardino County:** \$4.6 million pavement project will improve 14.6 lane miles of State Route 178 from Trona Road to east of Salt Wells Canyon in San Bernardino County.
- **Pavement Preservation Project Along Interstate 10 in Riverside County:** \$5.3 million pavement preservation project will improve 132 lane miles of Interstate 10 from Rice Road in the community of Desert Center to Wiley's Well Road in the city of Blythe in Riverside County.



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- **Pavement Project on State Route 243 in Riverside County:** \$8.3 million pavement project will improve 44.1 lane miles of State Route 243 from north of Black Mountain Trail to SR-243/Interstate 10 Separation in the city of Banning in Riverside County.
- **Drainage Project on State Route 173 in San Bernardino County:** \$920,000 drainage project will repair and replace culverts along State Route 173 from north of Bradford Ridge Path in San Bernardino County to Holly Lane near SR-18 in the town of Lake Arrowhead in San Bernardino County.
- **Bridge Project on State Routes 10, 79 and 86 in Riverside County:** \$1.7 million bridge project will revamp bridges on Interstate 10 at various locations from South 22nd Street in the city of Banning to west of Paled Dunes Drive in Riverside County, on State Route 79 at Beaumont Avenue in the city of Beaumont in Riverside County, and on SR-86 at various locations from south of 82nd Avenue to 64th Avenue in the community of Thermal in Riverside County.
- **Bridge Project on Interstate 15 and State Routes 79 and 86 in Riverside County:** \$2.8 million bridge project will revamp bridges on Interstate 15 at various locations from north of State Route 79/I-15 Separation in the city of Temecula to SR-60/I-15 Separation in the city of Jurupa Valley in Riverside County, on SR-91 at various locations from south of Prado Road in the city of Corona to Mission Inn Avenue in the city of Riverside in Riverside County, and on I-215 at various locations from Los Alamos Road in the city of Murrieta to I-215/SR-60/SR-91 Separation in the city of Riverside in Riverside County.
- **Bridge Project on Interstates 15 and 40 and State Route 58 in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties:** \$5.4 million bridge project will revamp bridges on Interstate 15 at various locations from Lenwood Road Overcrossing to north of Riverside Drive in the city Barstow in San Bernardino County, on I-40 at various locations from east of Lavic Road in the town of Ludlow to Essex Road Overcrossing in San Bernardino County, and on State Route 58 at various locations from east of Community Boulevard to east of Main Street in the city of Barstow in San Bernardino County.
- **Striping Project on State Route 60 and 91 in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties:** \$8.2 million project will widen striping and increase visibility on 390 lane miles of State Route 60 at various locations from the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line to the San Bernardino/Riverside County line, SR-60 at various locations from the San Bernardino/Riverside County line to SR-60/Interstate 10 Intersection in the city of Beaumont in Riverside County, and SR-91 at various locations from Orange/Riverside County line to SR-91/I-215 Separation in the city of Riverside in Riverside County.
- **Striping Project on Interstate 215 in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties:** \$6.5 million project will widen striping and increase visibility on 296 lane miles of Interstate 215 from the Riverside/San Bernardino County line to I-215/I-15



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Separation in San Bernardino County, and I-215 from I-15/I-215  
Separation in the city of Murrieta in Riverside County to the Riverside/San Bernardino  
County line.

- **Striping Project on State Routes 58, 210 and 395 in San Bernardino County:**  
\$7.6 million project will widen striping and increase visibility on 421 lane miles of State Route 58 at various locations from the Kern/San Bernardino County line to south of Main Street in the city of Barstow in San Bernardino County, SR-210 at various locations from the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line to H Street in the city of San Bernardino in San Bernardino County, and U.S. Highway 395 at various locations from Interstate 15/US-395 Separation in the city of Hesperia in San Bernardino County to the San Bernardino/Kern County line.

Since the passage of SB 1, Caltrans has used SB 1 funds to accelerate more than 120 maintenance projects across the state. So far, Caltrans has completed 42 SB 1 funded maintenance projects, replacing more than 600 lane miles of state highway and improving 33 bridges. By the end of this calendar year, Caltrans is expected to improve an additional 178 bridges and repair or replace an additional 1,200 lane miles. For a complete list and to see an interactive map of SB 1 state and local projects, visit <http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/>.

SB 1 provides an ongoing funding increase of approximately \$1.8 billion annually for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system, including \$400 million specifically for bridges and culverts. SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027. Caltrans will also fix 7,700 traffic operating systems, like ramp meters, traffic cameras and electric highway message boards that help reduce highway congestion.

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